

WOW! I'M AN ESCORT!

NOW WHAT?

(A practical guide if you've been asked by IMSO to be an escort on an Informational Program (IP) trip)

Thank you for assisting IMSO on an IP trip. We hope you get insight into one of the responsibilities we have and the importance of the IP program.

Goal. The goal of the informational program is to ensure that international students return to their homeland with an understanding of the responsibilities of governments, militaries, and citizens to protect, preserve, and respect the rights of every individual. The IP will be developed and implemented with the specific objective of providing students with awareness and functional understanding of internationally recognized human rights and the American democratic way of life. Installation Commanders are responsible for ensuring IPs are developed to meet these objectives.

Four Areas of Emphasis. The IP will support the following:

1. Internationally recognized human rights as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. The democratic ideals of an elected government and effective civil-military relations that reinforce that elected government.
3. The roles and interrelationships of a culturally, ethnically, economically, and socially diverse population in a democratic society.
4. The U.S. free enterprise system and its role in a democratic society.

Twelve Topics/Objectives. To meet the overall IP goal, IPs will include events and activities related to the following twelve topics which must support the above stated areas of emphasis:

1. Constitution and Bill of Rights.
2. Local, state and federal government institutions.
3. Civilian and military judicial systems.
4. Political processes.
5. Media.
6. American family and community life.
7. Ethnic and other minorities.
8. Industry/environmental protection/agriculture.
9. Economy.
10. Labor and labor-management relations.
11. Education.
12. Public and social welfare.

This trip to _____ will include the following topics/objectives

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Expectations.

1. Understand the DOD goal, objectives and the specific topics of the activity
2. Read and understand the “Universal Declaration of Human Rights” (attached)
3. Introduce yourself to each of the students
4. Answer questions about the IP topic/activity
5. Explain points of interest during the tour
6. Account for students following each event
7. Complete an “Escort’s assessment of IP activity” worksheet

Make sure you receive the following.

1. TDY orders (for overnight stay only)
2. Meal allowance
3. Escort Information Packet (Itinerary and IP trip info.)
4. Manifest

We hope you will find this trip educational, interesting and that it meets our required topics/objectives. If you have any questions please contact your friendly IMSO office.